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SUBJECT: LARGE OPIUM SEIZURES IN MEXICO

1. MEXICAN PRESS THIS WEEK HAS ANNOUNCED A TOTAL OF 106 KILOS OF RAW OPIUM SEIZED IN HIGHWAY INTERDICTIONS FROM GUADALAJARA NORTH. ONE SEIZURE WAS SINGLE LOAD OF FORTY KILOS; THE REMAINDER WERE SMALLER AMOUNTS TAKEN MOSTLY FROM BUS PASSENGERS AND PRIVATE CARS . MFJP COMANDANTE IN CHARGE, SAHAGUN BACA, ANNOUNCED THAT ABOUT 55 PERSONS HAD BEEN ARRESTED, AMONG THEM THE CHIEF OF A LARGE ORGANIZATION OF GROWERS AND TRAFFICKERS WITH CONNECTIONS IN GUERRERO, SINALOA AND SONORA. ONE HEROIN LABORATORY WAS REPORTED DESTROYED IN CULIACAN, SINALOA.

2. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM THEIR SHEER QUANTITATIVE IMPORTANCE (106 KILOS OF OPIUM REPRESENTS OVER 10 KILOS OF PURE HEROIN), THE ANNOUNCED SEIZURES ARE ENCOURAGING FROM TWO ASPECTS: (A) THESE ARE COMBINED OPERATIONS IN WHICH THE MEXCAN ARMY IS SEEN WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE; AND (B) THE SPRING CAMPAIGN HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A GOOD START WITH OPIUM BEING INTERCEPTED BETWEEN THE FIELD AND THE LABORATORY, AND WITH THE GROWING AND SMUGGLING ORGANIZATIONS

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APPARENTLY BEING DEALT A SIGNIFICANT BLOW. IN CONVERSATION

JANUARY 17, CHIEF OF GOM'S OFFICE OF NARCOTICS CONTROL TOLD  
EMBOFF THAT MOST OF OPIUM SEIZED WAS NOW COMING FROM STATE  
OF GUERRERO (AND PARTLY FROM MICHOACAN), WHERE RECENT CAMPAIGNS  
AGAINST GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION OF LUCIO CABANAS HAD PREVENTED  
THE GUERRERO POPPY PLANTATIONS FROM RECEIVING THE ATTENTION  
DUE THEM BY THE GOM AUTHORITIES. HE THOUGHT SAHAGUN BACA'S  
106 KILOS MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY  
EXAGGERATED, BUT AGREED THAT, EVEN IF SO, THE MFJP AND ARMY  
HAD GOTTEN CAMPAIGN OFF TO VERY GOOD AND IMPRESSIVE START;  
HE ADDED THAT ARREST OF JOEL FIGUEROA CABRERA NEUTRALIZED  
ONE OF MEXICO'S MOST-SOUGHT TRAFFICKERS.  
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